

FISH AND GAME COMMISSION
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
CERTIFICATE OF FEE EXEMPTION

De Minimis Impact Finding

Project Title: GENERAL WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR RESIDENTIAL
ONSITE WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEMS

Project Location: LOS ANGELES AND VENTURA COUNTIES (REGION-WIDE)

Project Description:

The Regional Board has drafted general WDRs for the discharge to land of wastewater from residential onsite wastewater treatment systems. Under the California Water Code, the Regional Board may adopt general WDRs for a category of discharges produced by similar operations, involving similar types of waste and treatment standards, and that are more appropriately regulated under general WDRs than individual discharge requirements. Discharges to land of wastewater from residential onsite wastewater treatment systems satisfy these criteria. The proposed general WDRs contain provisions and requirements that will protect the beneficial uses of ground and surface waters in the Region. The discharge of waste from residential onsite wastewater treatment systems poses a potential significant environmental risk to water quality and public health. However, compliance with the general WDRs mitigate these potential risks to a level of insignificance.

Findings of Exemption:

This Regional Board, acting as Lead Agency, has conducted an Initial Study and, considering the record for the proposed project as a whole, has found and determined that there is no evidence that the project will involve potential for adverse effects, either individually or cumulatively, on wildlife or wildlife resources. Consequently, a "de minimis" finding is warranted and pursuant to Fish and Game Code, section 711.4, no fee is required. In addition, on the basis of substantial evidence in the record, this Regional Board (acting as Lead Agency) rebuts the presumption of adverse effect contained in the Fish and Game Code as it relates to the proposed project.

Certification:

I hereby certify that the Lead Agency has made the above findings of fact and that based upon the initial study and hearing record the project will not individually or cumulatively have an adverse effect on wildlife resources, as defined in section 711.2 of the Fish and Game Code.

Dennis A. Dickerson
Executive Officer

Date